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CITY NOTES.

As this is a legal holiday the meeting of the estimates committee of the city council arranged for tonight has been postponed until next Saturday evening.

The next regular meeting of the Methodist Ministerial association will convene Monday, Feb. 22. The meeting is to be addressed by the Rev. Dr. S. C. Logan.

Dinner and supper will be served today by the young ladies of the First Presbyterian church in the church parlors. Dinner from 12 to 2 o'clock, and supper from 6 to 8 o'clock.

August Franz, of Court street, was committed to the county jail Saturday by Alderman Howe in default of \$300 bail on a charge of stealing a razor, believed by Charles Cookroff.

At the postoffice today the stamp and general delivery windows will be open from 7 a. m. to 1 p. m. The money order and register windows will be closed all day. Morning deliveries will be made by the carriers.

Mrs. W. P. Mitchell, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at the Young Women's Christian association every afternoon this week from 3 to 4 o'clock, to introduce the Improved Taylor System of dressmaking. Every woman is invited to come to the rooms.

W. H. Mathewson, for ten years freight and coal dispatcher at the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Junction, Pittston, has been placed in charge of a passenger train on the "Bloom" division. Michael Dorsch, of West Pittston, the night dispatcher, succeeds Mr. Mathewson.

The ladies of the Howard African Methodist Episcopal church will have a masquerade match Feb. 23 at the Bethel hall in rear of the church. A small admission fee—10 cents—will be charged at the door. A grand prize will be given to the winner of the most unique costume.

Lieutenant Ezra S. Griffin, Women's Relief corps, No. 50, will give a Martha Washington tea and entertainment at Griffin post rooms, 324 Lackawanna avenue, Thursday evening next. The entertainment will begin at 8 p. m. and the supper will be served immediately afterward.

IN POLICE COURT.

Eight Prisoners Spent the Sabbath or a Part Thereof in the Central.

Patrolman McManaman captured a man firing off a revolver in Nay Aug park yesterday morning at 11 o'clock and placed him under arrest. At the station house he gave his name as James Hincheliff and his occupation, butcher. He left \$10 for his appearance this morning.

James Jordan came running down Franklin avenue with James Moore following him at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning when Patrolman Sloan and Day stopped them. Jordan said Moore had pulled a revolver on him, and Moore said Jordan had robbed him of \$5. Both were under the influence of drink so they were locked up in the hope that when they sober they would be able to explain matters. They still cling to their conflicting stories when arraigned in police court so the mayor fined them each \$5 that no guilty man might escape. Moore had a revolver and Jordan had money so it was possible that both were telling the truth in the main particulars. They paid and went their way.

Wasing Broduski, Mike Yesinski, Mike Pendrick and Mike Humphord got into a fight in Broduski's house on Luzerne street early yesterday morning, and were hauled in by Patrolman Saul and Ross. They were all pretty badly used. At the hearing it developed the fight started over a simple little thing like Broduski's protest against Yesinski hugging Mrs. Broduski. They paid \$5 apiece.

John Lockrin, the drunken hostler, who it is supposed caused the fire which destroyed Siebecker & Watkins' and Pierson's barns, and who afterwards became boisterous about the fire, was fined \$2, which he paid.

ACCIDENT CAUSED DARKNESS.

Machinery Broke Down at the Illuminating Company's Power Plant.

An accident to the machinery at the generating plant of the Scranton Illuminating, Heat and Power company Saturday evening shut off the light in many buildings.

The elevators in the board of trade building could not be used and the Scranton club members who attended the club election had to climb seven flights of stairs. The Scranton Public library had to be closed, thus turning away scores of anxious seekers of books for over Sunday.

The broken machinery was repaired as quickly as the commendable efforts of the company officials would permit.

Coal—Reduced—Coal.

May Aug Park Colliery, Egg, Stove and Chestnut, \$2.50, delivered. Telephone 3712.

FIREMEN WERE KEPT ON A LIVELY JUMP

Five Alarms Were Sounded During Saturday and Early Sunday Morning.

ONE CAUSED MUCH CONSTERNATION

Barn Blazing in the Midst of a District Thickly Built Up with Costly Homes and the Fire Companies Stalled on the Ice-Covered Hills. Two Fires on Adams Avenue, One on the South Side and One in the North End Section of the City.

Five fires occurred between 11 o'clock Saturday morning and 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Two of them were quite serious and one of them for a time threatened to be extremely serious.

This latter was in Hitchcock court, in the very heart of one of the most beautiful residence portions of the city. About 8 o'clock p. m. a hostler employed by Siebecker & Watkins overturned a lantern in their barn located in the rear of L. J. Siebecker's residence and set fire to the hay. In an instant, almost, the barn was a mass of flames.

Major T. Frank Penman, who resides nearby, was the first to detect the fire and after alarming the neighbors sent in a call from box 27, corner of Madison avenue and Mulberry street. On the heels of the alarm came the slippery condition of the pavements the fire companies were slow in getting to the scene and as a consequence the Siebecker & Watkins' barn and the barn of A. D. Pierson adjoining were both totally consumed.

HORSE AND CARRIAGE BURNED.

A valuable horse and carriage were burned up with the first barn fire. Everything of value excepting the hay and feed were removed from the Pierson barn. The Second Presbyterian church manse, occupied by Rev. Dr. C. E. Robinson, the new home of Major T. F. Penman and the handsome residence of Charles Penman were for a time threatened with destruction but through the efforts of the firemen they escaped with only a scorching. The loss on the barns is about \$1,500 each. Both were covered by insurance. Had the fire companies arrived on the scene in reasonable time Pierson's barn could have been saved and the total destruction of the other at least prevented.

The hostler who it is supposed caused the fire turned up after the barn was a mass of flames and insisted on going in to rescue the horse. When bystanders interfered to prevent him he became so abusive that Patrolman Saltry and Maherty decided to lock him up, which was done.

It was necessary to use four horses to draw the steamers up from the central city to the scene of the fire and even then it was only with the greatest exertion that the panting teams could make a weak start.

The other serious fire occurred at 11 o'clock p. m. when the two-story frame dwelling house of Milkman Stephen Yobs, at 1024 Stone avenue, was totally destroyed. The fire broke out in a closet on the second floor in some unknown cause. The house was valued at \$2,000 and was insured for \$200 in agencies represented by Peter Rolland. Much of the furniture was also destroyed.

FIRE ON ADAMS AVENUE.

At 6:15 o'clock p. m. an alarm was sent in from box 24, corner of Washington avenue and Mulberry street. It was occasioned by a slight fire in the residence of Mrs. Beck, 425 Adams avenue. The blaze was caused by the flames of a kerosene lamp coming in contact with clothing hanging in a closet. The chemical company prevented any serious damage resulting.

The fire at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, for which an alarm was sounding from box 81, corner of Brick avenue and Oak street, was in an unfurnished dwelling house, which is being erected on West Market street by James Bell. A defective flue leading from one of the stoves which were kept there to dry the plaster, is supposed to have caused the flames. The firemen prevented the fire from spreading and the loss was in consequence slight.

A second alarm from box 24 was sounded at 2:30 a. m. This time the fire was in N. W. Morrie's meat market on Adams avenue. The damage was slight.

THERE'S A QUESTION

Whether Owners or Tenants Shall Keep Sidewalks Clean.

The arrest of F. S. Pauli for not cleaning snow from the sidewalk of his property on Spruce street, next to the Commonwealth building, has raised the question of whether a property owner is responsible for the neglect of his tenants. The street commissioner is the complainant in the case.

Mr. Pauli's counsel contended that it was the tenants' duty to care for the sidewalk and asked Alderman Howe, before whom the case was heard, on Saturday, to reserve his decision. The request was granted.

The city ordinance does not specify whether owners or tenants shall clean sidewalks, but it is explicitly provided that "every owner or owners of any lot, etc." shall keep their sidewalks clear of obstructions. A section of the ordinance places the same obligation on "the person residing upon the same," but this provision, the street commissioner contends, does not release the owner. The penalty relates to the owner or owners.

The ordinance directs the street commissioner to enforce the ordinance.

TWENTIETH WARD FACTIONS.

Attorney Donahoe Arrested on a Charge of Criminal Libel.

Attorney M. J. Donahoe was arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal libel preferred by Hermann Schaefer. It is alleged that he caused to be printed in last Thursday's Truth an article stating that fraud had been perpetrated by the election board in the First district of the Twentieth ward. Mr. Schaefer was inspector of the board and John Gibbons, Jr., the judge of election.

Mr. Donahoe went before Alderman Duddy and entered bail for his appearance at court.

HUSBAND GOT MAD

Because His Wife Was Accused of Spying on Her Neighbors.

Saturday morning in Alderman Howe's office John Surber stepped up to go bail for Amos Robinson, of Old Forge, who was charged with violation of the liquor laws by Mrs. Mary Rappe, and as he was signing the bail piece he was so impudent as to remark that

Mrs. Rappe ought to be in better business than spying on her neighbors or some words to that effect.

Mrs. Rappe's husband, who was standing near overheard the remark and like a flash was at the throat of his wife's neighbor. There was all kinds of commotion there for a time and it required two constables' strength, Mrs. Rappe's entreaties and the alderman's threat to send Rappe to jail to cause the infuriated husband to subside.

The alderman gave him a lecture which caused him to cool off quite as rapidly as he flared up.

AMUSEMENTS.

This an tomorrow evening with a matinee this afternoon "Other People's Money" will be produced at the Academy of Music with Hennessy Leroy in the leading role. "Other People's Money" has a modern plot, deals with living, busy people in the active world of financial speculation. It is devoid of the farce comedy element, yet is constructed to produce laughter from rise to curtain fall.

The Spooner Comedy company will begin week's engagement at the Frothingham this afternoon by producing the laughable comedy, "The Judge's Wife," and in the evening "Inez," a romance of Mexico. The Spooners are considered the leaders of all popular priced organizations and will be seen each afternoon and evening during the week, changing the bill at each performance. Seats are now on sale at the Frothingham box office for the entire engagement and as the demand is very large it would be well for patrons to call early.

The Cornell Glee, Banjo and Mandolin club will give one of their famous concerts at the Frothingham next Monday evening, March 1.

Elithu R. Spencer, a tragedian whose work is pleasantly remembered in this city, will be seen at the Academy of Music Wednesday and Thursday nights supported by a very fine cast. Wednesday night Mr. Spencer will be seen as Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice," and Thursday evening as Iago in "Othello."

The Sam De Leon Metropolitan company, a strong coterie of players, will present for the first half of this week, beginning this afternoon, for the first time in Scranton, the latest New York comedy drama success, "The President's Daughter." This play should please all classes of theater-goers, as it not only has literary merit, realistic scene effects and elaborate costumes, but combines comedy, drama and vaudeville. As an extra attraction Manager De Leon has engaged the New 1897 Edison Vitaphone, a machine which has been much imitated but not equalled. For this week only, ladies and children will be admitted afternoons for ten cents.

IT MEANT DANGER.

Trolley Wire Falls at Washington Avenue and Spruce Street.

The trolley wire in front of the Commonwealth building near the junction of the Washington avenue and Spruce street tracks, broke last night about 8 o'clock and withered, spluttered and emitted sparks for the several minutes it lay on the pavement. It was not until the arrival of the repair wagon from Linden street that the wire ceased its threat of death to any living being that touched it.

Meanwhile a blockade was caused on all outgoing traffic in the city. Cars occupied all the tracks in the vicinity and there was a large gathering of curious pedestrians who were kept in order by Lieutenant of Police Davis and three patrolmen.

When the repair gang arrived it only required a moment to get the wire off the ground and begin the work of fixing the break. Within twenty-five minutes traffic was resumed as usual.

Had the wire fallen during the day or time at the time of the Sunday night the consequences might have been serious and maybe fatal as that corner witnesses nearly as great a traffic as any other in the city.

WASHINGTON IN THE SERMONS.

Patriotic Discourses and General References to the First President.

In the course of most of yesterday's sermons reference of a more or less specific nature was made to Washington, the first president, the anniversary of whose birth takes place today. Sermons of appropriate nature were delivered in the evening at Elm Park Methodist, Jackson Street Baptist, Providence Methodist, Greenfield Baptist and Trinity United Evangelical churches. The Patriotic Order Sons of America attended in a body the services at the Jackson Street Baptist church.

FIREMAN CONNOR INJURED.

Thrown From the Crystal Hose Wagon on the Way to a Fire.

Fireman George Connor, of the Crystal Hose company, was painfully injured on the way to the fire on Adams avenue at 2:30 yesterday morning. At the corner of Wyoming avenue and Linden street the wagon slid over the icy pavement and against the curb. Connor, who was riding on the rear step, was thrown against a telegraph pole and he was picked up and found to be badly cut on the head and bruised about the right shoulder. Dr. Penypacker dressed his injuries and then had him removed to the Lackawanna hospital, where he was reported to be resting easily last evening.

To Inspect the Plant.

The new electric plant of the Scranton power district at the Hillside Home will be inspected by the members of the poor board today.

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BEARD, BOYD, DALY RELEASED TO US

They Have Not Attached Their Names to a Scranton Contract As Yet.

BEARD ACCEPTS ADVANCE MONEY

The Three Men Did Fine Work for Rochester Last Season But Conditions Have Since Arisen Which Makes It Undesirable to Have Them On That Team Next Season—Some Notes About Well Known Players.

Shortstop Beard, Catcher Frank Boyd and Outfielder Griffin were released to Scranton. That happened during the middle of last week, but they have not attached their names to Scranton contracts unless during Saturday afternoon.

Not one of the three was let go by Rochester on account of indifferent playing or for any reason that might make him useless to Scranton. Neither was it Manager Shannon's choice, excepting the case of Beard, that they were released. Beard and the genial Dan agreed to disagree along toward the end of last season and Boyd and Daly met with the disfavor of the "Big Three" Rochester owners. Although they played steadily during the season and played well they could not be retained under existing conditions.

It was mainly due to the strong tie of personal friendship formed between Shannon and Griffin when they played together in Wilkes-Barre that Shannon opposed the Rochester owners in their disposition to dicker with other clubs for the transfer of the men. Shannon carried his point and now it is not for much that the Rochester owners are strong second choices. Wilkes-Barre, Toronto and Springfield are not much thought of.

WAY THEY ARE RANKED.

While the league managers continue to favor Providence, Syracuse and Buffalo as the probable leading bunch during the first part of the dash, no one of them is looked upon as a dead sure thing. Rochester and Rochester are strong second choices. Wilkes-Barre, Toronto and Springfield are not much thought of.

The Buffalo Enquirer sums up the situation very comprehensively as follows:

The general opinion as expressed by managers throughout the circuit is that Providence, Buffalo and Syracuse will have the strongest Eastern League teams this year. But these guesses do not count for much. The Rochester team, even if there are knockers in it, Sandy Griffin promises well for Scranton. The Springfield, Toronto and Wilkes-Barre teams are not so strong. But pennants are not won in February.

The irrepressible Springfield Union man, however, in commenting on the foregoing paragraph, remarks that a surprise party is in store for those who have been predicting that the weak on paper. The Tribune says no reason for marking Scranton's chances below those of the other clubs.

NOTES ABOUT PLAYERS.

Shortstop Hulen and Outfielder Mertes, of the Philadelphia club, have been sold to the Columbus club for \$200.

Manager Ryan, of the Hartford club, has signed Paul Radford to play at shortstop or second base. Last season he led the New England league in base running and run getting while playing with Bangor.

John H. Sharrott, who was formerly winning pitcher for the New York team, has signed with the Wilkes-Barre club for this season. As a base runner he was a great success in the New England league for the past two seasons. He was a batter of the 30 mark.—Wilkes-Barre Record.

Breaker Destroyed by Fire.

The breaker of the Baltimore Tunnel at Wilkes-Barre was totally destroyed by fire Saturday morning. It was built by the Baltimore Coal company in 1914, but subsequently became the property of the Delaware and Hudson Canal company. The loss amounts to \$75,000. The breaker will be rebuilt.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

After thinking the matter over for a week, Mamie Smith decided to go to jail rather than be committed to a reformatory. She was convicted before last of keeping a disorderly house at 118 Franklin avenue. When called up for sentence she professed penitence and asked to be given an opportunity to reform. Judge Gunster told her he would give her a week to make up her mind as to which reformatory institution she would prefer to enter and remanded her to the county jail to think the matter over. Saturday, when she was again brought up before the judge, she said she preferred jail to a reformatory. Thereupon Judge Gunster sentenced her to a fine of \$50 and five months in the county jail.

The preliminary injunction referred to in Saturday's issue restraining J. Dutton Hackett from collecting the accounts of John Collins & Hackett against the Scranton sheriff's sale advertised for Saturday, was granted during Saturday forenoon by Judge Gunster. Messrs. Pugh and Hackett were the defendants in the case.

Greenfield people are nothing if not neighborly and peace-loving. In Tuesday's election Frank R. Flinn and Dorcas Rivenberg each had sixty-five votes for the office of supervisor. Neighbor Rivenberg said "let Neighbor Flinn have it," and headed a petition for his appointment.

In the estate of L. T. Payne, deceased, letters of administration were Saturday granted to his widow, Vera E. Payne.

The will of William R. Hackett, late of Scranton, was admitted to probate Saturday and letters testamentary granted to Margaret Richards.

A rule was granted Saturday to show cause why judgment should not be opened in the case of the Tunis Lumber company against the Spring Brook Lumber company, and the defendants into a defense, as to all except \$143.62 of the claim, returnable next argument court.

By an order of court Saturday the sheriff was directed to pay to the defendant attorney from the moneys arising from the sale of the lace factory \$1,464, the amount of the wage claim.

In the case of Myers & Co., against George Fanning a rule was granted Saturday to show cause why the judgment against Fanning should not be set aside and a defense, all proceedings to be stayed until after the hearing, which is fixed for next argument court.

Suspense in divorce was granted Saturday in the cases of Caroline Jones against Albin L. Jones and Kate Kunkle against B. F. Kunkle.

In the case of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company against George R. Kress and G. C. Aeschbach against the same defendant, a rule to intervene was made absolute and issue awarded as prayed for.

the claimants to be plaintiff and the execution creditor defendants, plaintiffs to file declaration and bond within ten days. In the case of George R. Kress, agent, against Augustus Weitzel, the rule was discharged and the sheriff directed to proceed with his levy upon property claimed by Ellen Weitzel.

The court house officers will be closed today, it being a legal holiday.

SHOOTING AT HAZLETON.

One Man Killed and Another Badly Wounded.

Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 21.—A terrible shooting affray occurred at Hazleton this afternoon, in which one man was instantly killed and another badly wounded. He drew his revolver and began to fire. Joe Bradlock fell with a bullet through his heart, while Mike Kostuck was maimed by a bullet striking him in the thigh.

It was impossible to obtain a physician and the loss of blood was so great that it is feared he will die before morning. When the news reached this city Detectives Reilly and Kennedy immediately went to the scene, but Kuglich had made good his escape. John Hanner, a well known amateur baseball player, was also shot through the right leg in a fracas at Lattimer.

Y. M. C. A. AT READING.

City Pulpits Filled by Visiting Delegates Yesterday.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 21.—A large majority of Reading's pulpits were filled today by visiting delegates to the Young Men's Christian association convention. In addition Rev. Dr. Schofield conducted a bible reading. The railroads met in Covenant Methodist Episcopal church. Engineers, firemen, conductors, etc., testified to the saving power of Jesus. Professor E. J. Housholder, Philadelphia, addressed a large audience of boys in Association hall. The Ladies' Auxiliary held a largely attended praise service.

Ex-Governor Beaver addressed two great audiences in the Academy of Music this afternoon and evening. Tonight resolutions were adopted that the outcome of this convention would result in great good to young men of Pennsylvania. The college men held an inspiring praise service this afternoon.

BRYAN WARMLY RECEIVED.

Large Crowd Greeted Him at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 21.—Not even during the heat of the last campaign did any candidate receive a more hearty reception here than that accorded to William J. Bryan yesterday. When his train arrived from the west, the hills overlooking the depot were covered with people. As Mr. Bryan alighted from the car, he was met by Governor Stephens and a reception committee from both houses of the state legislature. The party drove to the governor's mansion, where a light repast was served. At 2:30 o'clock the party entered the hall of the house of representatives. Mr. Bryan was introduced by Speaker Parris as the "greatest champion of the greatest question that ever came before the American people."

For an hour the Nebraska poured out a flood of oratory and applause was frequent. His theme was "The Science of Government."

In the evening a reception was accorded Mr. Bryan at a Madison hotel, where the guest delivered a second address.

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(LARGE WINDOW.)

MYSTERIOUS CASE OF SAFE TAPPING

It Puzzles Proprietor M. P. Flynn, of the Lackawanna Valley House.

HIS MONEY WAS SPIRITED AWAY

Placed in Hotel Safe at 3 O'Clock in the Morning and Two Hours Later It Was Gone, Although Someone Was in the Office Almost Continuously During the Time in Which the Money Took Wings.

There is one man in this city who has a fifteen puzzle. He is M. P. Flynn, proprietor of the Lackawanna Valley House. Here is the puzzle:

The night clerk quits at 3 o'clock and the day clerk comes on at 5. In the interim two bell boys look after the affairs of the hotel. Saturday morning when the night clerk quit at the usual hour, he took the money from the clear case and also the receipts of the bar and placed them with the hotel receipts in the cash drawer of the safe. He then locked the safe and tried the door to make sure that it was locked, placed the key in his pocket and went to bed.

That he did all this, he solemnly avers and he is corroborated by one of the bell boys who says he saw him doing it. The bell boys swear that one or the other of them was about the office continually during the two hours intervening between the time the night clerk left and the day clerk came on duty, and that nobody else was in, around or about the place during the time in question.

Yet at 5 o'clock when the day clerk went to open the safe he found it already open and the cash drawer, which contained \$200 missing. It is an old-fashioned safe which locks with a key. Some one with a duplicate key had opened the safe between 3 and 5 o'clock and abstracted the money.

Mr. Flynn has called in detectives to help him work out the puzzle.

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